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LANGUAGE ON PUERTO RICO

REF: A. STATE 208594, B. COLOMBO 3156, C. COLOMBO 3179

1. REFTELS B AND C OUTLINE THE STATE OF OUR CURRENT KNOWLEDGE
ON QUESTIONS POSED ON PARA 2 OF REFTEL A.

2. WHILE AN ASSESSMENT OF HOW WE CAME OUT ON PUERTO RICO
AND EXTENT TO WHICH POLITICAL DECLARATION LANGUAGE ON UNGA
AND SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON DECOLONIZATION IS IN EFFECT A
RECOMMENDATION "TO INTERFERENCE IN U.S. DOMESTIC AFFAIRS",
SHOULD BE LEFT TO DEPARTMENT, BELIEVE A FEW POINTS
MIGHT BE MADE:

A. THE CUBAN SEPARATE RESOLUTION ON PUERTO RICO WAS
WITHDRAWN UNDER PRESSURE.

B. THE DECLARATION TEXT CONTAINS NO REFERENCE TO ANY
SO-CALLED LIBERATION MOVEMENT IN RESPECT TO PUERTO RICO
AS SOUGHT BY CUBANS AND ALLIES, AND AS APPEARS IN THE
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HAVANA DECLARATION OF MARCH 1975 AND THELIMA DECLARATION

OF AUGUST 1975.

C.THE FINAL DOCUMENT CONTAINED NO REFERENCE TO
DECOLONIZATION OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS, AMERICAN SAMOA
AND GUAM, AS APPEARED IN THE ORIGINAL SRI LANKA DRAFT POLITICAL
DECLARATION.

D.ON THE WHOLE THE PUERTO RICO LANGUAGE AT COLOMBO
SEEMS TO US A GREAT IMPROVEMENT OVER THE 1973 ALGIERS
SUMMIT (RESOLUTION 12), THE DAKAR CONFERENCE OF FEB 1975
(RESOLUTION 9), THE HAVANA COORDINATING BUREAU MEETING
DECLARATION OF MARCH 1975 (P. 20), AND THE LIMA FOREIGN
MINISTERS DECLARATION OF AUGUST 1975 (PARA 81, 84 AND
85 OF THE POLITICAL DECLARATION). WE WOULD AGREE THAT
THE LANGUAGE OF THE PREPARATORY FOREIGN MINISTERS
CONFERENCE OF ALGIERS OF AUGUST 1975 IS BETTER IN THAT
IT OMITTS REFERENCE TO POSSIBLE UNGA ACTION, BUT IT MIGHT
BE SUGGESTED THAT THAT PARTICULAR SMALLER CONFERENCE
EXPENDED MORE OF ITS ENERGIES IN OTHER DIRECTIONS.

3. WE RECOGNIZE THAT WE HAVE A RIGHT TO WEIGH THE PERFORMANCE
OF INDIVIDUAL DELEGATIONS, AND DOUBTLESS TO BE
DISAPPOINTED IN SOME.NEVERTHELESS, EMBASSY'S OWN FEELING
IS THAT THE EXTENT TO WHICH PUERTO RICO LANGUAGE IS A
CONSIDERABLE IMPROVEMENT OVER PREVIOUS CONFERENCES (EXCEPT
ALGIERS 1976) IS A RESULT OF THE STRONG LOBBYING EFFORT IN
CAPITALS, ORGANIZED BY DEPARTMENT, AND OF THE
EXCELLENT EDUCATIONAL AND LOBBYING WORK DONE BY
KATZEN AND HINES HERE DURING THE CONFERENCE.
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